being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacant post of Deputy Advisor (UNANI) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

1354. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Deputy Advisor (Unani) is lying vacant in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the last so many years; if so, since when;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping this post vacant for such a long period; and

(c) by when it is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The post of Deputy Adviser (Unani) in this Ministry is vacant since 25-2-1985. The post has not been filled up so far as initially the Recruitment Rules were to be amended. After the amendment of the Recruitment Rules, the matter was taken up with the Union Public Service Commission as the post is required to be filled up by direct recruitment. The post was reserved for Scheduled Tribe candidate. Since no person was available from this category a fresh requisition was sent and the post was advertised by the Commission on 12-11-1988. The recommendations of the Commission are awaited.

Lack of funds for health Schemes

1355 DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item on lack of funds for health schemes which appeared in the Times of India dated ,the 2nd February, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some remedial measures will be taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The news item has been seen by the Government. The Government is alrady seized of the problem. Recommendations of the Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family *Welfare held 1—3 February, 1989 have* been forwarded to the Planning Commission for consideration depending on their feasibility and availability of resources.

Privatisation of Defence Production by contacting foreign firms

1356. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning privatisation of defence Production by contacting foreign firms; and

(b) if so, the areas of manufacture already handed over to private agencies through foreign firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b)

With regard to indigenous production of Defence stores, the policy adopted by the Government is one of optimum utilisation of the capacity available in the country, be that in the Defence Sector or Civil Sector including the Private Sector. Pursuant to this policy, a number of low-technology items have been off-loaded from the defence production units to the civil sector including the private sector. In addition whenever new weapon systems, ammunitions or other equipment are being